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AERIAL OBSERVATION

DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
1. SAFETY ISSUES: Be on constant look out for, schools and busses, large groups of people, sporting events, farms with frightened animals, other aircraft, large birds or flocks of birds, tall towers, high wires, problems with the spray plane, and hills. Anything that may be a problem, report to the pilot. Note in comments.	
2. WEATHER ISSUES: Monitor wind by periodically requesting smoke puff from applicator aircraft or watch spray cloud. Watch Spray pattern closely as humidity drops below 70 percent. Watch the horizon for rain or storms. Note in comments.	
3. APPLICATION ISSUES: Watch for off target drift. Watch for plugged nozzles, the pilot shutting off on time, nozzles off outside the block, pilot avoiding no sprays and T&E areas, and leaks. Note in comments.	
4. BLOCK ISSUES: Check that you are in the right block, note open fields and water, note the no spray or T&E sensitive areas, and is the pilot covering the block. Make sure the most densely populated areas are done first. Note in comments.	

Remember you need to be always aware of your surroundings and where you are. You are the only link with the ground and the spray pilot. The observer is the first link in the safety of the pilot and is in the best position to see problems as they develop. Report any problems to the base.

SUMMARY AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

MDA Staff (signature)	Region	Date